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Between 26 June and 9 July 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne, Zeitz, was occupied by about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 1 and 9 July, source observed exclusively physical training. [ ] was identified in the installation. Prior to 9 July, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Troops observed engaged exclusively in physical training. [ ]

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On 17 June the workmen of the ZEMAG and the Moll shoe factory went on strike. There were no demonstrations. At 7 p.m., martial law was declared. Four T-34/85 tanks guarded the town hall and the ZEMAG buildings and 6 to 8 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were stationed at the administration buildings. Thirty-four T-34/85 tanks and 180 trucks, each occupied by 12 soldiers, arrived from the direction of Gera and Weissenfels. The strike committee was arrested on 18 June. Work was resumed on 20 June.

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[ ] Comment. Compare with a previous report by the same source covering the period from 17 to 21 June. [ ]. According to information in this report, the elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, which had arrived from Ohrdruf, had returned there in late June as was also observed in Weimar.

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